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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the European and Great Britain patent documents, the Pruschek et al. article and the DeLallo et al. article are also enclosed.

The DeLallo et al. article is discussed on pages 1-2 of the subject specification.

U.S. Patent No. 6,269,624 is discussed on page 2 of the subject specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,572,861 is discussed on pages 2-3 of the subject specification.

Great Britain patent document number 1 298 434 is discussed on page 3 of the subject specification.

Except for (1) the DeLallo et al. article, (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,572,861, and (3) Great Britain patent document number 1 298 434, each of the cited documents was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application

not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, these latter documents were cited in an International Search Report dated December 16, 2003, which was forwarded on December 23, 2003, from the European Patent Office in a corresponding PCT patent application (PCT/IB03/03980). Copies of the International Search Report and the cover letter are also enclosed.

European patent document number 0 453 059 A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,265,410.

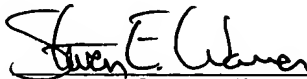
Applicant will submit a translation of the Pruschek et al. article, if so required by the Examiner.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

No fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed to be due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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